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To

3 October 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT : NIS

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In response to your recent memorandum, I submit the following comments on the NIS attended by me from 5 September through 29 September 1967.

a. I feel that our Agency participation in the NIS gives us a finger on the pulse of Interdepartmental planning. It provides an opportunity to, when appropriate, introduce the position and importance of the Chief of Station [redacted]

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b. It provides our students the opportunity of receiving a current picture from the Interdepartmental position of Insurgency and Counterinsurgency. It gives the opportunity to study the problem as seen and analyzed by high level government and non-government specialists in this field. [redacted]

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[redacted] affords them the opportunity to gain a knowledge of activities, problems and solutions of the [redacted] agencies working as members of the [redacted] in underdeveloped countries.

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c. Our participation as students is of value as pointed out above. Our participation in lectures by Agency officials, I believe, affords an excellent and necessary opportunity to present to members of other agencies, a clear, concise picture of the Agency's organization and mission. This was done outstandingly well by Colonel White. His presentation, incidentally generated laundry comments from the students. Your presentation is very important and a revelation to many in the other agencies. I feel that as a result of our Agency presentations the other agency members gained a valuable insight and a healthy respect for the Agency and its mission.

d. I feel that the overall mission of the NIS is effective and does accomplish its objectives. It did an excellent job in providing coverage of conditions and problems in the underdeveloped and emerging nations. I also feel that the individual area seminars, concentrating on specific problems and trends in countries of specific interest were effective.

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